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Committee Bill No. 6190

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING INSPECTIONS BY LOCAL FIRE MARSHALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 29-305 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

3 Each local fire marshal and the State Fire Marshal, for the purpose
4 of satisfying themselves that all pertinent statutes and regulations are
5 complied with, may inspect in the interests of public safety all
6 buildings and facilities of public service, all buildings and facilities
7 used for manufacturing and all occupancies regulated by the Fire
8 Safety Code within their respective jurisdictions. Each local fire
9 marshal shall inspect or cause to be inspected, at least once each
10 calendar year [and] or as often as may be necessary in the interests of
11 public safety, all buildings and facilities of public service and all
12 occupancies regulated by the Fire Safety Code within his jurisdiction,
13 except residential buildings designed to be occupied by one or two
14 families which shall be inspected, upon complaint or request of an
15 owner or occupant, only for the purpose of determining whether the
16 requirements specified in said code relative to smoke detection and
17 warning equipment have been satisfied. Upon receipt by him of

18 information from an authentic source that any other building or facility
 19 within his jurisdiction is hazardous to life safety from fire, he shall
 20 inspect such building or facility. In each case in which the local fire
 21 marshal conducts an inspection, he shall satisfy himself that all
 22 pertinent statutes and regulations are complied with, and shall keep a
 23 record of such investigations. Such local fire marshal shall have the
 24 right of entry by himself or by his lawful agent at all reasonable hours
 25 into or upon any premises within his jurisdiction for the performance
 26 of his duties except that occupied dwellings and habitations, exclusive
 27 of common use passageways and rooms in tenement houses, hotels
 28 and rooming houses, may only be entered for inspections between the
 29 hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., except in the event of any emergency
 30 requiring his immediate attention for safety to life, or in the interests of
 31 public safety. Each local fire marshal shall make a monthly report to
 32 the authority from which he received his appointment, and shall be
 33 paid for his services in making such inspections of buildings and
 34 facilities the compensation agreed upon with such appointing
 35 authority.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2005	29-305
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Statement of Purpose:

To allow for flexibility in inspections by local fire marshals.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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